

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1           1.       (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for servicing client  
 2 requests, comprising:  
 3           receiving multiple associated client requests;  
 4           in response to each of said associated client requests:  
 5                 invoking an application;  
 6                 ~~determining~~selecting, based upon said application, and from among two or  
 7                         more session managers, a particular session manager to associate  
 8                         with said application; and  
 9                 invoking said particular session manager to manage state information for  
 10                 said application across said multiple associated client requests.

1           2.       (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said particular  
 2 session manager is invoked via a programming interface.

1           3.       (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said programming  
 2 interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said particular session  
 3 manager is a subclass of said abstract class.

1           4.       (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein said particular  
 2 session manager comprises an implementation for each method defined for said abstract  
 3 class, and wherein said particular session manager is invoked by invoking a particular  
 4 method implementation provided by said particular session manager.

1           5.       (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said associated client requests  
 2 are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1           6.       (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~determining~~selecting  
2    at the particular session manager to associate with said application comprises:  
3           accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which one of said two  
4    or more session managers to associate with said application.

1           7.       (Currently amended) An apparatus for servicing client requests,  
2    comprising:  
3           a mechanism for receiving multiple associated client requests; and  
4           a mechanism for responding to each of said associated client requests by:  
5                invoking an application;  
6                ~~determining~~selecting, based upon said application, and from among two or  
7                more session managers, a particular session manager to associate  
8                with said application; and  
9                invoking said particular session manager to manage state information for  
10              said application across said multiple associated client requests.

1           8.       (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said apparatus  
2    further comprises a programming interface, and wherein said particular session manager  
3    is invoked via said programming interface.

1           9.       (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said programming  
2    interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said particular session  
3    manager is a subclass of said abstract class.

1           10.     (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said particular  
2     session manager comprises an implementation for each method defined for said abstract  
3     class, and wherein said particular session manager is invoked by invoking a particular  
4     method implementation provided by said particular session manager.

1           11.     (Original) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein said associated client  
2     requests are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1           12.     (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein  
2     ~~determining~~selecting ~~the~~ particular session manager to associate with said application  
3     comprises:  
4                 accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which one of said two  
5     or more session managers to associate with said application.

1           13.     (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon  
2     instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more  
3     processors to service client requests, said computer readable medium comprising:  
4                 instructions for causing one or more processors to receive multiple associated  
5     client requests; and  
6                 instructions for causing one or more processors to respond to each of said  
7     associated client requests by:  
8                     invoking an application;  
9                     ~~determining~~selecting, based upon said application, and from among two or  
10                    more session managers, a particular session manager to associate  
11                    with said application; and

12                   invoking said particular session manager to manage state  
13                   information for said application across said multiple  
14                   associated client requests.

1           14.   (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein  
2   said particular session manager is invoked via a programming interface.

1           15.   (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 14, wherein  
2   said programming interface comprises a definition of an abstract class, and wherein said  
3   particular session manager is a subclass of said abstract class.

1           16.   (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 15, wherein  
2   said particular session manager comprises an implementation for each method defined for  
3   said abstract class, and wherein said particular session manager is invoked by invoking a  
4   particular method implementation provided by said session manager.

1           17.   (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein said  
2   associated client requests are associated with each other by way of a session ID.

1           18.   (Currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13, wherein  
2   ~~determining~~selecting a the particular session manager to associate with said application  
3   comprises:  
4           accessing a set of configuration information which specifies which one of said two  
5   or more session managers to associate with said application.